



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Summer Term Week 14

I am feeling quite emotional on the last day of our first academic year, as I think back about everything we have achieved together. We have welcomed over 60 new children and families into our school and they have taken part in an opening ceremony with the Mayor and Waffle, sang in Harvest Assemblies, shone brightly in Christmas Productions, had a visit from Father Christmas, behaved superbly on trips to see The Gruffalo and the animals at Twycross Zoo, appointed new staff, shown our school to delegates from Malta, enjoyed lots of different FROGS events (including discos, Easter Bonnets and a wraproom), invited an adult to lunch, performed skillfully at Sports Day, enjoyed sessions with Warwickshire Music Service, supported charities with cake sales, dressed up for World Book Day, had a family picnic to end the year and, of course, we have done some amazing learning and formed great friendships. I could not be prouder of everyone involved with The Griffin and thank you all for your continued support. I know that everyone deserves a wonderful summer holiday and I hope that you all manage to have a restful, safe and happy time with your friends and families. To those that are leaving Nursery to start new schools we wish you the very best of luck and know that you will be brilliant – we will miss you and hope you remember that, although you are leaving The Griffin, The Griffin will always be a part of you, as one of its founding members.

Our Graduates

Well done to all of our Reception class who have graduated from the EYFS and will now be moving into the National Curriculum and Key Stage 1. We had a lovely graduation ceremony this morning attended by so many parents and Teresa Mpofo, Headteacher at Lawrence Sheriff and several Trustees. It was such a joyful event, with a recital of the poem 'Bendy Man' by Michael Rosen and a rousing 'Waka Waka (This time for Africa)'. However, there were one or two tissues appearing when the children sang 'A Million Dreams'. The children were amazing and demonstrated why we feel so proud of them every day.

Nursery Leavers' Assembly

Thank you so much to all of the parents and family members who came to our Nursery Leavers' Assembly – what a fabulous way to celebrate the end of your children's first year in The Little Griffin Nursery and also Mr Pouton's first year of teaching. What a year it has been! The children sang 'See You Later Alligator' superbly, as well as doing all of the actions. It was quite emotional, as we said goodbye to the children who are moving to different schools for their Reception Year, but we know they will be amazing wherever they are.



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Free Gymnastics Trial Session

Please find attached information about a free trial session with 'Academy Acrobatic Gymnastics and Trampolining Club'.

To book a session please contact the club:

Email : Academygymnasticstd@gmail.com

Text, Whatsapp or Call : 07769289612

Copy and paste the link below into your browser to complete the contact form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSlkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAN_ovEkphURFBLQjA1WDRRTIwRtFVTUo3WEIzVVBMMs4u

Free Saturday Football Session

Today, on Class Dojo, you will have been sent a poster about GameOn's Saturday Football Club. This Saturday – 20th July – the sessions are free so please come along if you can.

GameOn Summer Camp

Please remember that, if you want to book a place on this year's summer camp your last chance to do this is Friday 19th July. It is at Rugby Free Primary apart from Tuesday 27th–Friday 30th August, when it is at The Griffin.

Our First Birthday Celebrations and Family Picnic

We loved our family picnic – thank you to everyone who managed to come along. There was such a great atmosphere and we even managed to enjoy some sunshine! A big thank you to Waffle the Wonder Dog for joining us – the children were so excited to say hello and stroke him - he is always so well behaved! It rounded off the year perfectly, having had him as a VIP at the opening ceremony. Pass the parcel was also great fun and we hope your children liked their 'Founding Member' medals – they are something we hope your children will treasure as they are, obviously, only for children we have had this year. Also, a very yummy thank you to Mrs Tucker for being our Star Baker! What a spectacle the cake was and it was SO delicious! Happy Birthday to The Griffin for the 24th July, which was when handover took place and we were given the keys.



Tennis Lessons

LTA Youth Start is for children aged 4-11 years who want to learn and progress their tennis. If your child is aged 4-11, why not give it a try?

£29.99 (+£5 P&P) gets you:

Six top-class tennis sessions with trained coaches, a tennis racket and set of balls, a branded t-shirt and wrist bands, activity cards, a lanyard, stickers and a certificate (provided by the coach). There will be a family fun day plus BBQ on the last day. Please book via the link below and scroll down to book 8-11 year old classes.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CliftonUponDunsmoreLTC/BookCourse/a836a54e-2071-44b3-826f-f4f538c5758e>

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL BACK IN SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER AT 8.45am FOR NURSERY and 8.45-8.55am FOR RECEPTION AND YEAR 1.

REMEMBER TO BOOK THE DROP OFF SESSION FROM 8.30am IF YOU WANT TO AVOID A BUSY CAR PARK. £1 PER DAY.